

377th Air Base Wing selects best of quarter

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VITA needs volunteers

BY JOHN FORD
VITA

Would you be willing to work half a day a week, starting the last week in January and ending on April 15? Do you enjoy working with numbers or doing administrative work like taking appointments? If so, we need your help!

No experience necessary! We will train! The Kirtland AFB VITA Tax Center is seeking volunteers to do either tax preparation or administrative work for the coming tax season. Training classes are scheduled for December.

Potential volunteers, including active duty and retired military and civilian base employees or contractors, call John Ford at 853-1715 or e-mail john.ford@kirtland.af.mil. Additional information is on the Tax Center's Web site: www.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/StaffJudge/taxCenter/TCVolunteers.htm.



Celebrating women veterans of yesteryear

Gloria Vinsky shows a few of the WIMSA bears and dolls in authentic military uniforms that will be exhibited during the annual Women Veterans Luncheon. The event is Nov. 14, 11 a.m., in the Mountain View Club. Reservations are \$17 a person by calling Vinsky at 899-8525. Hosting this year's luncheon are the Women's Army Corps veterans.

Photo by Jennifer E. West



Airmen 1st Class Keith Loudermill and ShaKiesha Sharpe try matching outfits from the BX for their modeling during the Daily Grind style show, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Volunteer mod-

els who are military members receive a discount on their selection if they purchase items worn during the fashion show.

Photo by Lisa Gonzales

Family Support honors military families

BY JENNIFER E. WEST
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As a thank you to Air Force families for their support of military spouses, mothers and fathers, the Family Support Center presents its annual Military Family Month activities.

Events for military families include a style show, bowling, a free movie and a collage contest.

"Military Family Month is a time to celebrate and honor all the families who sacrifice time and bonds with their loved ones in support of our national defense," noted Teresa Reinhard, Readiness Team Lead at the Family Support Center.

The definition of a military family is extended to include single servicemembers as well as family units of parents and children and married couples with children.

"We choose to define family in its broadest sense," Reinhard explained, adding, "That means our single Airmen who are a part of our larger military family."

Activities of interest to single people, include a style show at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, Nov. 14, 8-9 p.m. The volunteer models can choose their own style show apparel from the BX and can buy the outfits at a 20 percent discount after the show.

Men are especially needed to help as volunteer models. Men and women interested in modeling should call Neomia at 846-0741 by 4 p.m. today.

The "My Military Family" collage contest is open to all military family members in age categories of 6-7 years, 8-10 years and 11-14 years. Entries are due to the Family Support Center by Nov. 18. Two winners in each category can win a year's membership in the Youth Programs club. For more details, call 846-0741 or 846-0751.

Other activities during the family month are:

Booster child safety seats for families with a child 40-80 pounds and which meet all criteria to receive a seat.

Free and discounted bowling sessions for Hearts Apart members, tomorrow and Nov. 22, 1-5 p.m. Register at the Family Support Center.

Hearts Apart Thanksgiving dinner, tomorrow, 5:30 p.m., at the Rio Grande Community Center. The turkey and fixings meal includes music by the Albuquerque Academy Orchestra. Make your reservation at the Family Support Center, 846-0741.

Free beginners computer class, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Register at 840-0741.

Hearts Apart Arcade Night, Nov. 21, 5-7 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Center conference room.

Free family movie for the first 150 Hearts Apart family members, Nov. 22, 1 p.m., theater, screening of "The Jungle Book II," rated G. Nonmembers can enter and pay regular theater admission price. Register by Nov. 21 at 846-0741.

Flu vaccine is here: shots starting soon

BY LT. COL. JOE SCHURHAMMER
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Public Health

This year's flu vaccine has arrived and the TEAM KIRTLAND flu campaign kicks off today with flu shots at 377th Air Base Wing Officers' Call in the Mountain View Club, 3:30 p.m.

Immunizations will be given on a walk-in basis.

Immunization Clinic Hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 a.m.-noon; Friday, 7 a.m.-noon, 1-3 p.m.

Personnel are required to bring their military identification card and immunization record. Vaccination is mandatory for active duty members.

Pregnant women beyond the first trimester of pregnancy (more than 14 weeks of gestation) during influenza season should be vaccinated. On the advice of a doctor, pregnant women who have medical conditions that increase their risk for complications from influenza should be vaccinated regardless of pregnancy stage.

Children as young as 6 months old may get the vaccine. Because children less than 6 months are too young to get vaccinated, the best way to protect them is to make sure that you, their family members and caregivers are vaccinated.

Call Senior Master Sgt. John A. Harrison, 846-3539, Immunization Clinic, 846-3101 or Public Health, 846-3461 if you have questions or comments.

Food drive starts

The 10th annual Kirtland AFB holiday food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for TEAM KIRTLAND families runs through Dec. 16.

Food collection boxes are at high traffic locations throughout the base, where nonperishables such as boxed mashed potatoes, pumpkin for pies, turkey dressing, packaged turkey gravy, cranberries and other traditional holiday foods can be donated.

Supplies of fresh bread and frozen turkeys will be purchased from the Commissary with financial contributions already collected.

Thanksgiving food basket distribution is Nov. 25. Recipient anonymity is protected by unit first sergeants.